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SUBJECT: SOVIET NOTE ON SOUTH AFRICAN NUCLEAR SITUATIO
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1. WE INFORMED FCO (BURNS, ACTING HEAD OF ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT DEPT) ON MARCH 17 OF SOVIET ORAL MESSAG AND US RESPONSE PER REFTEL. WE ALSO DREW FULLY ON PARAS 3-5 OF REFTEL IN VIEW EARLIER FCO REQUEST FOR UP-DATE ON DISCUSSIONS BY US NUCLEAR TECHNICAL TEAM IN SOUTH AFRICA.

2. BURNS CONFIRMED RECEIPT OF SOVIET COMMUNICATION ALONG LINES SIMILAR TO MESSAGE RECEIVED BY US. NOW THAT US RESPONSE IS KNOWN, FCO HOPES TO OBTAIN MINISTERIAL APPROVAL OF DRAFT UK RESPONSE EARLY NEXT WEEK. CONSULTATION ON US REPLY THUS TIMELY AND APPRECIATED.

3. PROPOSED BRITISH REPLY IS ALONG SIMILAR LINES, BUT WITH LESS DETAIL, NOTING:
-- BEST WAY TO HANDLE CONCERN OVER SOUTH AFRICAN NUCLEAR DEVELOPMENT IS TO GAIN SAG ADHERENCE TO NPT AND ITS ACCEPTANCE OF ADEQUATE INTERNATIONAL SAFEGUARDS;
-- UK HAS MADE REPRESENTATIONS TO SAG TO THIS EFFECT
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-- BEST HOPE FOR PROGRESS LIES IN AMERICAN CONTACTS WITH SOUTH AFRICANS, WHICH UK WILL SUPPORT WITH ITS OWN REPRESENTATIONS AS APPROPRIATE;
-- UK DOES NOT RULE OUT UNSC CONSIDERATION BUT SEES NO NEED WHILE OTHER MEANS OF ACHIEVING THESE OBJECTIVES ARE IN PLAY. (AS OF NOW, HMG RESPONSE WILL BE GENERAL AND DOES NOT COMMENT ON SPECIFIC FACILITIES WITHIN SOUTH

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